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Bullock's Del Amo

SANTA ARRIVES . . . Santa Claus arrived at Fashion Square Del Amo Friday and will be available to talk to youngsters right up until he leaves Christmas Eve to begin making his rounds. Children may visit Santa, who has left his sled behind for a faster, more modern space ship, at the plaza in front of La Casita, the community clubhouse. Carolers will appear nightly beginning Monday, Dec. 5.

Review of Property Tax Asked

Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has demanded a complete overhaul of the property tax by the State Legislature. "The small homeowner has been hit with an excessive and unfair amount of property taxes and thereby threatened with loss of his property," Hahn said. "The dependency upon property taxes as a major source of revenue for counties, cities, school districts, and other special districts has overburdened the small homeowner."

"ESPECIALLY our senior citizens on fixed incomes are facing a financial disaster if this increase in property taxes continues and the State does not provide other sources of revenue for maintaining our schools," he said. Hahn asked Governor-elect Ronald Reagan and members of the Senate and Assembly to make lowering the property tax in California their number one program. An official resolution, authored by Hahn, urging action as early as possible when the Legislature meets next January, was approved by the supervisors.

Area Paint Firm Sets Sales Mark

Standard Brands Paint Co. achieved new records in both sales and earnings for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, Sid Greenberg, president, has announced. Sales increased 11 per cent to \$26,320,937, up from \$23,784,256 recorded in fiscal 1965.

Earnings after taxes increased 16 per cent to \$1,909,533 as compared with \$1,640,496.

EARNINGS PER SHARE were \$1.53 based on 1,246,662 common shares outstanding Sept. 30. Fiscal 1965 earnings per share were \$1.34 based on the 1,225,732 common shares outstanding at the end of that fiscal year.

Greenberg noted that in fiscal 1966, two new decorating centers were opened in San Jose and Hayward, Calif., marking the company's entry into the San Francisco Bay area. At the close of the fiscal year, the company had 26 decorating centers located in California and Arizona. He pointed out that new stores during fiscal 1967 are planned for Oxnard and El Cerrito and a second store is planned in Phoenix, Ariz. In addition, stores have been purchased for future centers in Granada Hills, Monterey Park, Azusa-Covina, and La Habra.

ELECTED TO BOARD L. S. Webb, vice president of TRW, Inc., has been elected to the board of directors of Western Electronic Manufacturers Association.

Kanine Korner

By Francis X. Lohmann

You know every dog should have a human of his own. There is nothing like a well-behaved person around the house to spread the dog's blanket for him or to bring him his supper when he comes home man-tired at night.

For example, this reporter happens to belong to a black and tan Gordon Setter by the name of Lady Heather who got me when she was eight months of age and has been training me successfully ever since. She has taught me to shake hands with her and fetch her ball. I've learned not to tug at the leash each time she takes me out for a walk. I am completely housebroken and I make her a most devoted companion.

The only BIG problem which disturbs me greatly is the fact that my Setter is AKC registered and she boasts a fine pedigree but I am not registered and have no pedigree. However, she is just as fond of me as if I came from a long line of blue bloods. And that's for dog gone sure!

FOR 25 DAYS Pal, a mixed breed pup, maintained a lonely vigil above an abandoned mine shaft near Jonlin, Mo. Nearby residents, fearing that his master had fallen down the 135-foot shaft, insisted the water in it be drained. Word quickly spread and thousands of curious persons looked on as the seven-day, \$17,000 pumping job was completed. "Rescuers," to their dismay, found an ancient, four-inch bone. How about that?

TALES FROM DOGDOM: Sequoia Kennel Club goes into action Sunday with their annual All-Breed Dog Show & Obedience Trial to be held at Tulare County Fairgrounds in Tulare. This will be a one-day unbench canine event and the show hours are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Robert Waters of British Columbia will judge Best Dog in Show. My radio version of Kanine Korner now airs Monday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. via station KTYM, 1460 kes. Station returns my regular time slot at 4:30 p.m. time slot, Feb. 1, 1967. To make imported dogs feel at home during the required six-months quarantine in England, a kennel in Midgham, a small seaport city, plays tape recordings of family life sounds. Happy birthday to Boston Terrier, celebrating their 75th anniversary of their creation as a distinct breed. The Bostonian is one of the few breeds of dogs developed in America.

Dr. Charles Lippincott chalking up a spectacular series of TV guest appearances in behalf of dogs via Art Linkletter's video coast-to-coaster. Favorable comments from both the professional dog fancier and the one-dog owner-pet lover alike are legion. His pictorial picture tube visits are looked forward to and cherished events by countless scores of doggie-minded folks. The

handsome DVM's dad, Lydon Lippincott is avidly active in bow wow circles and is a good friend of mine. World-famed numerologist Gerun Moore, currently headlining at the Hacienda in Las Vegas, is a keen admirer of the state's Great Dane breed of dog.

Breed of the Week—Maltese. Most folks who dig deep into the annals of dogdom agree that the Maltese is one of the oldest breeds of dog on record and I might add there is ample evidence that these darling little denizens of the dog world were cherished pets of the women folks of ancient Greece and Rome many centuries before Christ.

For all time the breed has been purposely kept small. They have been described in centuries long since forgotten as being not much larger than ferrets or squirrels. How about that?

Sometimes the breed is referred to as the Maltese terrier. The name is definitely incorrect for although they are classified in the Toy Group, the Maltese are spaniels and not terriers.

The Maltese is one of the hardest of the toy breeds and adapts himself easily to almost any type of climate or environment.

Interest in the Maltese is gradually returning to its former popularity. This is partly due to the importation of several fine specimens from the shores of Europe.

These imports have chalked up creditable show records and should do much to focus attention on these lovely little dogs.

The Maltese tips the scales at about 4 pounds and in height 5 inches.

Dorothy Tinker of Las Vegas has done much to spotlight these quaint little canine beaus before the eyes of the West Coast dog fanciers.

(Listen to Francis X. Lohmann's radio version of Kanine Korner, Monday through Friday at 4:15 p.m. over station KTYM 1460 kes.)

Workshop Set For Seniors

A special Christmas workshop for senior citizens has been scheduled at the Joslyn Recreation Center. Classes will meet Dec. 2 and 9 from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The workshop is part of the informal Active-Over-50 group. Materials for class projects will be sold at the Recreation Center at cost.

State Must Obtain New Revenue in '67

By VINCENT THOMAS, Assemblyman, 68th District. One of our most troublesome issues at our 1967 session will be that of increases in state taxes. All of us are fully aware of the hard fact that something must be done, however unpalatable it may be, to raise more revenue to balance the 1967-68 budget. As was anticipated by many, the accrual plan used to balance the current budget could be effective only for the one year.

During our 1966 sessions, influential Assembly leaders advocated a plan to increase the state sales tax by one cent, thus upping it to four cents. They proposed that the additional revenue be used to raise state aid to local school districts on a basis which would require such districts to reduce their property taxes as an offset. Their much amended bill passed the Assembly, but in the Senate was again revised, this time completely, so that in the form finally signed into law, it dealt only with additional state support for poorer school districts.

NOW THAT the Election is over, many individuals and organizations are mulling over the many-faceted problem of how to produce more state revenue in the most painless way possible. Some Legislators are discussing the advisability of revising some of the tax increase proposals introduced in the 1966 budget session which were shelved when the full accrual plan gained such sudden and wide acceptance. Others are plugging for a full one cent increase in the state portion of the sales tax to make up much of the anticipated \$350 million deficit in the state budget next year.

The first formal proposal for upping any tax on a state-wide basis has recently been made by the County Supervisors Association. It calls for a one-half cent increase in the sales tax of one cent which the state now collects for the counties. The association maintains that if the counties are given the additional revenue which would accrue, they could pay the entire costs of twelve of the county-state programs which the state now finances in part. In addition, they anticipate there would be a surplus over such costs which could be used to reduce county property taxes.

THE ASSOCIATION says of its proposal, "The beauty of this plan is the fact that it not only contributes to widespread property tax relief, it also goes to reducing the state's budget needs. Each county would receive a net

benefit because its revenue from the half-cent sales tax increase would exceed its obligation to pick up what has been the state's cost."

How far this proposal may get in the 1967 Legislature is, of course, problematical. Some observers are boldly predicting that the state portion of the sales tax will be raised to four cents, thus making the combined state and local tax five cents on every dollar spent for all goods except food and prescription drugs. Many people are hoping

that with a new and economy-minded state administration, it will be possible to avoid any tax increases this next year. However, tax experts are generally agreed that however economy conscious the new administration may be, it cannot completely ward off the impending deficit, nor can it reduce proposed expenditures sufficiently to bring about any sizeable savings in next year's budget. More time will be needed to effect any substantial economical changes in state operations and finance.

Grant to Museum Provides Storage

Storage facilities for a the Los Angeles County Museum's newly-acquired collection of seum of Natural History, amounting to 100,000 insects are being provided by a \$9,800 grant to Dr. Herbert Friedmann, director.

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